

We do not intend to insult the good

sense of our readers, by arguing the

proposition, that towns are enlarged

into cities and villages into towns,

through the wholesome agency of man-

ufactures because the numerous ex-

amples, *pro and con* have made the propo-

sition self-evident; cities often, fifteen

and twenty thousand inhabitants, re-

gardless of locality, have grown up

under the life-giving influence of ma-

chine and artificial channels of com-

merce. Clarksville owes its steady,

but slow growth not to the river which

flows past, nor yet to the railroad which

runs through it, but to its institutions

of learning and to the enterprise of a

few who, recognizing the truth of the

foregoing proposition, have erected fac-

tories of various kinds, all of which,

we learn, are as prosperous as could

be expected considering the stringency

of the financial crisis. It is needless

to ask what would have been the

growth and wealth of our town had

there been more of these enterprising

men and a proportionate increase in

the number and importance of its fac-

tories.

To attract and concentrate trade,

articles must be produced here, which

the country needs, but cannot procure

at country stores and shops, and those

articles must be produced in quantities

that will invite many buyers, and at

prices that will offer the least induc-

ment to foreign competition. Manu-

factures multiply population and skill-

ed labor—these becoming consumers,

encourage agriculture, and when town

and country are bound together by

mutual interests, the prosperity of both

is increased to the extent of the abili-

ty of each to supply the wants of the

other. In this way, varied manufac-

tures widen the circle of their trade

until, like Cincinnati, Louisville and

St. Louis, it embraces sections far re-

moved from the scene of their opera-

tions—evidences of which truth, may be

seen on every freight train that passes

through our town. Enterprise and the

enlightened application of the capital

it has, would enable Clarksville to

compete for this trade—the more suc-

cessfully as it gathers wealth and popu-

lation through the adoption of so wise

a policy. This must however, be the

work of time, but even time can give

us all unless there be a beginning,

marked by the erection of larger estab-

lishments than those now in operation,

and intended to produce articles of a

different character.

The tobacco of last year, promises

to be more than usually beneficial to

our town. We speak not of that por-

tion which stops here long enough to

be sold and reshipped, but of the large

quantity brought in to be re-hauled

and stemmed. This gives employment

to so many that few are idle, save those

who will not work and the wages paid,

are expended here for the necessities

of life, a good deal of money is put in

circulation that would, otherwise, have

been locked up. This is an illustra-

tion of the benefits conferred upon the

town by giving employment to labor,

and could this employment be contin-

uous, it would confer both pecuniary

and moral benefits upon our whole

community.

PERSONAL.—Our esteemed young

friend, Robert Mainhardt, who has

been the principal clerk of the great

goods house of Messrs. Bloch Bros.,

for many years, has left our city and

gone to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to go

into business for himself. A more

thorough gentleman, in every respect

than he, it were hard to find. He is a

fine business man, and we wish him

great success. He requests us to re-

turn his thanks to the citizens of this

city and county for their uniform cour-

tesy, and says he looks upon them as

the most intelligent, honorable people he

HYMENEAL.—Mr. JAMES H. ACHER,

the efficient sheriff of this county, and

Miss EUGENIA NORTHINGTON were

united in marriage last Tuesday night,

at the residence of Dr. David North-

ington, in this county. Rev. J. B. West,

D. D., of Murfreesboro, Tenn.,

performed the ceremony in his usual

happy style. After the twins were

made one, the lucky guests were in-

vited to partake of a rich feast in hon-

or of the event. On Wednesday night,

a reception was given them by Mr.

Samuel Moody, of Robertson county,

and the happy couple returned to the

city yesterday. Our friend, James,

has had much to do with attachments,

but the one formed and consummated

in this secure to him more than any

he ever served. It gains the love and

esteem of a devoted wife to share his

sorrows and double his joys. Their

bride day was cold and boisterous—

may their future be all sunshine and

happiness.

"THE TEN VIRGINS."—The Parable

of the Ten Virgins, which has been

dramatized by a young lady of Nash-

ville, who formerly resided in this city,

will be presented to the citizens of this

city on Thursday, 17th inst., at Frank-

lin Hall. The Virgins are to be re-

presented by ten Nashville ladies, other

parts of this beautiful production will

be performed by ladies and gentlemen

of this city and Nashville. Mr. Thatch-

er, of Nashville, will act as musical

Director. This piece has elicited the

praise of all who have witnessed it in

many cities. The proceeds of this en-

tertainment are intended for the bene-

fit of the Baptist Church in this city.

Being written by a former resident of

this city, and the proceeds of the en-

tertainment go to a church here, aside

from its intrinsic merits, should secure

a crowded audience. Reserved seats

to be obtained at Owen & Moore's.

Tickets 50 cents. Reserved seats, 75

cents.

CITY OFFICERS.—The following gen-

tlemen were elected last Tuesday night,

as officers for the city for the current

year:

John O'Brien, Recorder; Louis Man-

for, Attorney; K. B. Walhall, Mar-

shall; W. P. Hume, Treasurer; H. Da-